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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER PALME'S COMMENTS ON KEKKONEN PLAN

REF: STOCKHOLM 2512

1. AT SUGGESTION AMBASSADOR STRAUSZ-HUPE, I AM SUBMITTING
SEPARATELY PRIME MINISTER PALME'S COMMENTS TO U.S. "NORDIC"
AMBASSADORS ON MAY 13 ABOUT PRESIDENT KEKKONEN'S NFZ PROPOSAL.

2. IN REPLY TO QUESTION, PALME, WITH HIS BUILT-IN SMILE, SAID
HE AGREE COMPLETELY WITH MR. KEKKONEN'S NFZ PLAN PROVIDED IT
WENT AS FAR EAST AS IT WENT WEST. IN OTHER WORDS, PALME GAVE
ME IMPRESSION HE BELIEVES THAT NUCLEAR-FREE ZONE SHOULD COVER
SIZEABLE PART OF SOVIET UNION IN ADDITION TO SCANDINAVIAN AREA.
PARENTHETICALLY, PALME ALSO SAID THAT IT HAD BEEN
INDICATED TO HIM, BY SOME PERSON HE FAILED TO IDENTIFY
BUT BY IMPLICATION A SOVIET OFFICIAL, THAT THIS WAS
NOT BEYOND REALM OF POSSIBILITY.

3. SWEDISH AMBASSADOR TO FINLAND, FORAN RYDING, WHO IS
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HIGHLY THOUGHT OF BY HIS GOVERNMENT AND SOON TO BE

SWEDISH AMBASSADOR IN MOSCOW, RECENTLY TOLD ME IN
NO UNCERTAIN TERMS THAT HIS GOVERNMENT FELT KEKKONEN'S
PROPOSAL WAS A FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF NORDIC COUNTRIES'
"UNDERSTANDING" NOT TO RAISE POLITICO-MILITARY QUESTIONS
PUBLICLY AND AN INTRUSION INTO FOREIGN POLICY OF
A FELLOW NORDIC STATE, I.E. NORWAY.

4. COMMENT: PALME'S REMARKS MAY REFLECT BOTH A SWEDISH
PREDILECTION FOR BEING AS "SYMPATHETIC" TO FINNISH
PROBLEMS AS POSSIBLE, I.E., NOT REJECTING OUTRIGHT EVEN
SOMETHING AS UNACCEPTABLE AS KEKKONEN PLAN, AS WELL AS
HOPE THAT DEMAND FOR INCLUSION OF SOVIET TERRITORY WILL
EFFECTIVELY KILL PLAN WHILE AT SAME TIME KEEPING DOOR
OPEN FOR A POSSIBLE EUROPE-WIDE NFZ.
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